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THE QUIETEST WAR WEDDING—HOW LORD CURZON KEPT HIS WEDDING DAY A SECRET FROM THE PUBLIC.



The bride leaving for the ceremony with her brother, who gave her away.

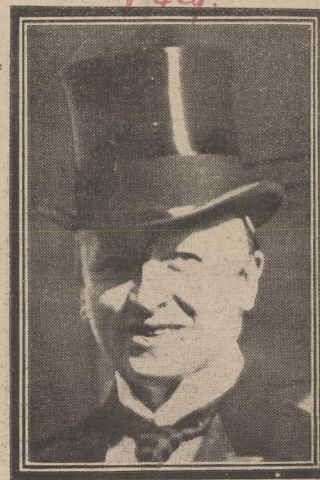
Lord Curzon had arranged to be married at St. George's, Hanover-square, last week, but so anxious was he that the time should be kept a secret until after the event that he put it off until yesterday. The ceremony took place at Lambeth Palace, only the immediate



The bride formerly Mrs. Duggan. Her father was an American diplomat.



Lady Irene Curzon.



Viscount Curzon.

relatives of the bride and bridegroom being present. They included Lady Irene Curzon, Lord Curzon's daughter, and the bride's mother, sister and brother, Mr. Munroe Hind.—(Daily Mirror and Rita Martin.)

LORD CURZON WEDS DIPLOMAT'S DAUGHTER.

Quiet Marriage in Private Chapel of Lambeth Palace.

BEAUTIFUL BRIDE.

Lord Curzon, Lord President of the Council, Leader of the House of Lords and a member of the new War Cabinet, was married yesterday to Mrs. Alfred Duggan, widow of the late Mr. Alfred Duggan, of Buenos Ayres, and daughter of the late Mr. Monroe Hinds, United States Minister to Brazil.

The marriage was a very quiet one. Contrary to expectations, it did not take place at St. George's, Hanover-square.

Lord Curzon had, as a matter of fact, arranged that it should take place there, but almost at the eleventh hour the arrangements were altered. The marriage took place in the private chapel of Lambeth Palace.

Lord Curzon, in frock coat and wearing a white canilla in his buttonhole, arrived at eleven o'clock, half an hour before the ceremony, accompanied by his daughters, the Ladies Irene, Cynthia and Alexandra.

He was attended by his brother, the Hon. Francis Curzon, who acted as best man, and brought with him his sister, the Hon. Mrs. Waller.

SOME OF THE DRESSES.

Lady Irene Curzon, herself a bride-to-be, was becomingly robed in grey, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

The bride, a very handsome woman, arrived at the palace with her brother, Mr. Monroe Hinds, who gave her away.

Her two sons and little daughter were also present.

The Archbishop of Canterbury was to have conducted the service, but in his absence, owing to illness, the Archbishop of York officiated.

The service lasted fully an hour and was choral, the choir boys from Westminster Abbey attending.

Silver printed service sheets were given to the few guests.

The sun shone through the stained-glass windows of the little private chapel at Lambeth Palace during the service and lit up the aisle between the double row of light plushed stalls. Lilies and white chrysanthemums arranged on the altar were the only floral decorations.

After the wedding Lord and Lady Curzon left in their motor-car for the country, while the guests drove on to the Ritz Hotel for luncheon. The bride held a reception at the hotel on the evening preceding the marriage.

BRIDE'S TROUSSEAU.

A woman correspondent writes—

"Mrs. Duggan was married in a beige panne velvet gown, trimmed with sable. She wore a brown tulle hat, trimmed with ospreys and paradise plumes. She wore a heavy sable coat over her gown."

"The trousseau was beautiful. In addition to two simple tweed suits in brown, grey and red, there were two dozen indoor gowns of stockette and satin, a silk jersey in autumn red and a black jersey embroidered in oxidised silver."

"A beautiful evening gown was draped in cream and gold brocade with a train of real Brussels lace. A lace teagown had a pink velvet train edged with fur."

"There were two breakfast gowns. One of Nattier blue had a skirt turned upwards to resemble the laren skirt and short sleeves with a broad band of lace. Another housecoat was of golden brocade collared in chinchilla with long winglike sleeves. A jewelled ornament of topaz and turquoise holds this shut."

FATHER OF 7 TO SERVE.

One-Eyed Man of Forty Ordered to Join the Army.

At the Spring-gardens section of the London Appeal Tribunal yesterday a man, forty, C.I. said that he had been blind in his right eye from his birth and had been rejected several times.

He was ordered to join up on February 1. Appearing at Westminster Tribunal W. R. Copperhead said that he was in charge of the revolver and pistol section of the Army and Navy Stores and practically all his work was selling revolvers to officers.

The tribunal, not being satisfied with this excuse, refused exemption.

Father of seven children, Edward Johnson, aged thirty-two, unsuccessfully appealed at the City Tribunal yesterday. He will be called up in six weeks' time.

BIG GIFTS TO COLLEGE FOR BLIND.

The £5,000 offered by the Carnegie Trustees to the Royal Normal College for the Blind, on the contingent condition of friends and supporters raising another £5,000, can now be claimed. This result is due to the generosity of the president of the College, Lord Howard de Walden, who has presented £2,000, and also to the National Institute for the Blind, which through Sir Arthur Pearson, has allotted £5,000 to the college funds.

NATIONAL 'SPEED UP.'

More Progress in Organising Britain—Wool Controller Appointed.

PIG FOR EVERY COTTAGE.

The Secretary of the War Office announced yesterday, in connection with the purchase of the Australian and New Zealand wool clips, the Army Council have appointed Lieutenant-Colonel Vernon Willey, formerly of the firm of Messrs. Francis Willey and Company, Bradford, to be Controller of Wool Supplies.

His chief assistants will be:—
Mr. F. A. Aykroyd, of Messrs. F. A. Aykroyd and Co., Bradford.
Mr. W. Andrews, of Messrs. Laycock, Son, and Co., Bradford.
Mr. B. Ronald, of Messrs. Buxton, Ronald and Co., wool brokers, London.
Mr. H. E. Ramsden, of Messrs. J. M. and J. Sharman, Bradford.
Mr. W. Whittingham, of Messrs. J. Whittingham and Sons, Bradford.
Mr. W. A. Marsden, assistant goods manager of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company.

Well-known members of the wool trade have been constituted as an advisory panel.

In a spirit of patriotism professional surveyors and valuers in Essex have informed the Hon. C. H. Strutt, chairman of the County War Agricultural Committee, of their willingness immediately to undertake an agricultural survey of Essex in the interests of increased food production.

The Rural League aims at providing 5,000 store pigs for cottagers, and it is proposed to open a fund for this object.

The pigs, which will be eight weeks old, are expected to cost about £1 each.

The secretary, Mr. J. L. Green, 21, Surrey-street, Strand, has had the task placed in his hands of increasing the production of pigs and potatoes.

"I see no possibility," added Mr. Green, "of the Londoner keeping his pig. His 'wash' or scraps can be better used for poultry."

But, on the other hand, there is no reason why the large amount of waste from London hotels and restaurants and from the camps could not be used as pig food for outside districts.

SEARCH FOR SEASONS.

Scramble for Tickets Under New Year Travelling Order.

Railway passengers were yesterday presenting season tickets with as good grace as possible under the irritating new order.

"There is no doubt that there was a good deal of congestion yesterday," said an official of the Underground.

"Many travellers showed their resentment when, approaching the barriers or lifts, they found they had forgotten which pocket contained their seasons."

As the result of representations made to Sir Albert Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, modifications of the 50 per cent. increase in the ordinary passenger fares on suburban lines are contemplated.

FOR LIFE AND DEATH.

Mr. N. Chamberlain on the Necessities of the Country.

"It has fallen to my lot to be Lord Mayor in the time of exceptional stress during which the country has been engaged in a life and death struggle," said Mr. Neville Chamberlain in a letter resigning the position of Lord Mayor of Birmingham, which, he added, he did with deep regret.

"The circumstances under which I accepted the position of Director-General of National Service have already been made known," he continued. "I had hoped at least to attend the next meeting of the council, but the necessity of setting to work upon my new duties without a moment's delay has rendered this impossible." The Council, accepting the resignation, expressed their appreciation of the patriotic spirit which led him to lay aside his personal inclinations.

3,000 WAR HEROES.

Many Notable Names Mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's Dispatch.

PEERS AS MESSENGERS.

Thousands of officers and men and many women are mentioned by his Douglas Haig for "distinguished and gallant services" in a special dispatch which will be published in the *London Gazette* to-morrow.

In the portion of the list which *The Daily Mirror* is enabled to give to-day there are no fewer than 3,000 names. These are drawn from the two services as follow:—

Naval (54).—Royal Navy, 34; Royal Naval Reserve, 2; Royal Marine Artillery, 10; Royal Marines, 8; Royal Marine Light Infantry, 2; Royal Naval Division, 2; Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, 6.

Military (3,056).—Staff, 1,303; King's Messenger Service, 5; Intelligence Corps, 18; R.F.C., 121; Household Cavalry, 8; Dragoon Guards, 21; Dragoons, 10; Hussars, 33; Lancers, 14; Reserve Regiment of Cavalry, 1; Regiment of Cavalry, 5; Irish Horse, 1; King Edward's Horse, 4; Yeomanry, 37; Royal Artillery, 63; Royal Horse Artillery, 26; R.F.A., 67; R.G.A., 25; H.A.C., 5; R. Engineers, 578.

The naval list includes the names of Vice-Admiral Dundas of Dundas and Captain Sir Malcolm Macgregor of Macgregor, Bart.

Many notable names appear in the list of Army Staff officers. Here are some of them:—

Lieutenant-General (Temporary General) Sir E. H. H. Allenby.
Temporary Captain the Hon. H. Baring.
Lieutenant-General Sir W. R. Birdwood.
Lieutenant-General Hon. Sir J. H. G. Byng.
Major-General (Temporary Lieutenant-General) Sir F. C. Clayton.
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GERMAN DANGER TO NEUTRAL NATIONS.

Lord French Thinks Dying Hun May Seize the Smaller States.

ALLIES AND BELGIUM.

"Are the small neutral countries adjacent to Germany in danger of being overrun by the Teutonic armies, and in their turn treated as Belgium and others have been treated?"

This question was asked Lord French the other day by Mr. Edward Price Bell, the London correspondent of the *Chicago Daily News*.

"I certainly think so," replied the Field-Marshal who held the Teutonic legions at Ypres, saved the Channel ports and made a vital turning-point in the war.

One of my previous questions (Mr. Bell writes) had been:—

"If Germany were to give Holland, Denmark, Norway, and perhaps Sweden, the chance of joining her or being subjugated, what would be the effect upon Germany's military position?"

"The subjugation of these other States," replied Lord French, "will increase German military power in proportion as her military strength has been enhanced by impressing the populations of the smaller countries she has already overrun."

"Then are all these little States about Germany in the nature of life-boats that she might seize if she were sinking?"

"Yes, I think so," replied Lord French.

"If there had not been an overwhelming case for charity in Belgium what would the Allies have done?" Mr. Bell inquired.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

"The strictly military interests of the Allies as regards Belgium, when that country had been occupied, leaving out of account all questions of humanity," said Lord French, "would have been to apply the blockade to Belgium in the same way as to the Central Empires themselves."

"The right to blockade friendly or neutral territory occupied by an enemy is clearly recognised by the Hague Convention, and this recognition indicates what the military interests of a belligerent must be."

"What are these military interests? That is to say, what has it cost the Allies to be humane rather than military in Belgium?"

"The cost to the Allies of sending Belgium may be reckoned as follows. In money Britain and France have contributed to the Relief Commission for Belgium, not counting what has been spent in the relief of Northern France, something like £22,000,000."

"In tonnage the Allies have reduced the tonnage at their disposal in order to supply the needs of Belgium."

"Owing to the illegal sowing of mines by Germans off the Dutch coast, and owing to more than one instance of the torpedoing of relief ships, the Allies have lost some twelve ships in the course of the relief work."

"The indirect cost to the Allies has been even greater. In spite of all efforts to protect Belgian supplies and property, the Germans have taken large amounts of livestock and foodstuffs from the more serious, however, has been the gigantic financial robbery carried on by the Germans in Belgium. This now must amount, at a very rough estimate, to say, £100,000,000."

HARRY LAUDER'S LOSS.

Queen Alexandra and the Premier Send Sympathetic Messages.

Queen Alexandra, the Prime Minister and the Earl of Derby are among those who have sent messages of condolence with Mr. Harry Lauder upon the death of his son, Captain J. C. Lauder, in France.

Telegrams and letters of sympathy have showered upon the famous comedian from all sections of society.

Captain Lauder, it seems, was killed by the bursting of a shell while he was either proceeding to or returning from the trenches—the War Office statement is not quite clear upon the point.

Mr. Harry Lauder left London for Scotland on Monday last after despatching a telegram announcing the sudden illness of his wife.

CITY'S LAST POST TO BE STOPPED.

Although no further restrictions in postal deliveries in London generally are contemplated, it has been practically decided to abolish the late delivery in the E.C. district. The last delivery, therefore, will be completed about 4.30 p.m.

The five deliveries will be maintained in the other three districts in the inner-London area, while there will be the four deliveries as now in the outer circle.

The post of organiser of the land settlement scheme for ex-service men has been taken by Sir R. Winfrey, M.P., in succession to Captain Bathurst.



A few shells on the western front.—(Official photograph.)

MENACE THAT FACES NEUTRALS Foe's Peace Dodge

Germany May "Once More" Define Her Pacifist Views Direct to Non-Belligerents.

SWAYING BATTLE FORTUNES IN RUMANIA.

Heavy German Losses—Russians Repulse Foe—Enemy Claims To Be Before Fokchany-Braila Line.

The principal features of yesterday's news were:

NEUTRALS' ORDEAL.—Peril is growing for the neutral States. An American paper says that before Germany yields she will fight desperately in new directions, and neutral nations are almost certain to be involved. Lord French, in an interview (see page 2), says he certainly thinks small neutral countries are in danger of being overrun by German armies. That the Germans are still thinking out dodges for peace is clear from the *Cologne Gazette* statement that it is not improbable that Germany will once more define the German view in an application direct to neutrals.

WESTERN FRONT.—M. Hutin says that the British and the French are preparing "great and decisive efforts which must terminate this war victoriously."

RUMANIA.—The battle sways in Moldavia. The Russo-Rumanians have rallied at several points, though some progress has, however, been made by the foe. In Wallachia the enemy claim to be before the Fokchany-Braila line. The Russians are holding Braila still.

"PREPARING FOR GREAT GERMAN RAIDERS HEAVILY AND DECISIVE EFFORT." **PUNISHED BY BRITISH.**

Coming Allied Offensive, Says M. Hutin, Much Artillery Activity Along Our Front During Day and Night.

PARIS, Tuesday.—"The British, like ourselves," says M. Hutin in the *Echo de Paris*, "are preparing great and decisive efforts, which must terminate this war victoriously."—Exchange.

The *Journal* says: "The promotion of Sir Douglas Haig to the rank of Field-Marshal is a just reward for the fine successes gained by the armies under his command, which in the glorious days of July to September advanced their lines from the Somme to the neighbourhood of Bapaume, carrying one after the other four powerfully fortified positions."

"The name of Sir Douglas Haig is connected with the finest operations which the British Army has yet carried through in this war."—Reuter.

LIVELY GUN DUELS.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Night Commenced.—There was a somewhat lively artillery duel on the front from Hardamont to Bezonvaux, and it was intermittent on the rest of the front.

Afternoon Commenced.—The night was calm. Various skirmishes took place between small posts at the Bois-le-Prete and in the Bois du Jury, north-east of Flirey, after a lively artillery action.—Reuter.

FORTIFYING DUTCH FRONTIER.

AMSTERDAM, Tuesday.—The *Telegraf* learns from its correspondent on the frontier that the Germans are working with feverish haste at fortifications on the Dutch-German frontier.

The report states that they are digging and completing trenches, some of which are provided with iron bars and barbed-wire entanglements.—Reuter.

"SUPER-PLANE TAKEN."

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

(Admiralty per Wireless Press.)

Western Theatre of War.—In the Ypres salient there were lively artillery duels. British hand grenade attacks were repulsed.

Army Group of the Crown Prince.—In the Champagne, in the Argonne Forest and on the eastern bank of the Meuse German raiding parties and patrols penetrated into the French trenches and returned with prisoners and booty. A British super-aeroplane fell into our hands.

HUNS' VAIN MOVE.

PETROGRAD, Tuesday.—The Tsar and the Tsarina have returned from the Imperial Headquarters to Tarskoe Selo.—Reuter.

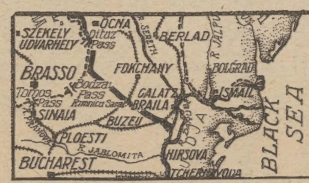
RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

(Admiralty per Wireless Press.)

Western Front.—Along the sector in the neighbourhood of the village of Ponikowitz (south-west of Brody) the enemy opened a fierce rifle and machine-gun fire and advanced in groups. He was driven back into his entrenchments, however, by our fire.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Eastern Theatre of War.—Front of General Field Marshal Prince Leopold of Bavaria.—Operations carried out by Russian raiding detachments to the south of Riga, to the south-west of Duenaburg and to the west of Stanislaw remained unsuccessful.—Wireless Press.



Enemy Report: "We are standing before the defence line Fokchany-Braila."

RUSSIAN RALLY AGAINST Foe MOVE IN MOLDAVIA.

Firm Stand by Rumanians—Costly Repulses for Foe—Huns Claim Successes.

"BRAILA LINE REACHED."

There is fierce fighting in Moldavia.

Petrograd records that the Rumanians are making a firm stand near the Kasina River at a spot about forty-three miles north-west of Fokchany.

Near the confluence of the Putna-Zavala Rivers (twenty-two miles northwest of Fokchany) the Russians have taken up new positions. In several Moldavian valleys the Germans have been repulsed with big losses.

Berlin claims that the Germans are pushing on along this flank. As regards the frontal advance the Austrian command says Reuter, states that Austro-German forces are standing before the defence-line Fokchany-Braila.

The total length of the Russo-Rumanian front, which begins at Chikherada skirts the Sereth and terminates at Braila is now 125 miles, says a Central News Petrograd message.

FIERCE FIGHTING.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

The principal points of the Russian communiqué are:—

The Russians dispersed foe counter attack in Height 2830 region, taking several prisoners. In the valley of the River Putna the enemy is bombarding our positions with artillery of all calibres.

In this valley the enemy infantry took the offensive from the village Rakoiach, but was repulsed with heavy losses.

About 1 p.m. the Austrians again attempted to advance from the village Kotumba and in the valley of the River Suluba, but the enemy was arrested by our fire. Enemy attempts to assume the offensive in the Chabanion Valley were also unsuccessful. The enemy suffered great losses both in wounded and killed.

SCOUTS' DISCOVERY.

The enemy also attacked to the north and south of the Otuz River valley, but all his efforts were repulsed. Scouts who were sent out discovered a great number of enemy troops within 200 ft. of our trenches.

Regarding the operations in the valley of the River Sloniku, it is now recorded that we took prisoners three officers and over 200 rank and file.

The Rumanians, who at first were pressed back by stubborn enemy attacks on the front north and south of the River Kasina (six miles east from the Hungarian frontier), regained their position by a counter-attack and still firmly retain it, notwithstanding the continuous and fierce attack of the enemy. In the region of Andreuch-Delichs (nine miles south of the confluence of the Rivers Putna and Zavala) the enemy pressed back our advanced cavalry detachments and occupied the above villages.

The troops during the night, without pressure from the enemy's flank, took up new positions. On the Dobruja our detachments withdrew to new positions.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

"NEARING FOKCHANY."

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Archduke Joseph's Front.—To the south of Troits Valley, by means of a fresh assault, the hotly contested hill ridge of Mount Palucanu has been taken into German possession. Along the valleys leading from the Bozok Mountains to the Sereth our attacks drove the enemy further back.

On both sides of the Otuz Valley our troops stormed several hill positions. Soveja, in the Sasila Valley, has been captured. Russo-Rumanian advances were repulsed and 300 prisoners were taken.

Mackensen's Front.—The Ninth Army forced the Russians to make a further retreat, defeating his rearguards in a sharp pursuit. German and Austro-Hungarian troops are approaching the Fokchany and Funderd Bridgehead positions from the west and south; 1,300 prisoners and much war material remained in the hands of the retiring pursuers.

Batov, Buzescu and the Danube the enemy is holding his bridgehead. To the east of Braila, in the Dobruja, German and Bulgarian troops captured some stubbornly defended positions from the Russians and drove them back towards Macin.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

PEACE DREAM IS OVER, SAY GERMANS.

U.S. Senate Delays Endorsement of Mr. Wilson's Note.

KAISER'S "HOLD ON!"

"The peace dream is over," says the German newspaper *Tagliche Rundschau*, quoted in a Reuter Amsterdam telegram.

The Senate, says an Exchange New York message, refused an immediate endorsement of President Wilson's Peace Note, referring a resolution to that effect to Committee.

New York, Tuesday.—Mr. Lansing announces that the Entente's reply was dispatched to the Central Powers to-day without comment or memorandum.—Central News.

No reply has yet been sent by the Allies to President Wilson's Note regarding peace, says Reuter.

It has been considered desirable that a reasonable interval should elapse between the delivery of the answer to the German Note and of that to the American President.

The Note has, however, been prepared in draft form, and is now being considered. Probably it will be dispatched in a few days.

SEALS GERMANY'S DOOM.

World opinions of the Entente's reply to the Central Powers are as follow:—

America.—While the newspapers presumably under German influence criticise the Entente's reply to the Central Powers, those which represent impartial and unprejudiced opinion generally praise it as straightforward and lucid.

The Washington Post believes that the reply seals the doom of Germany. "Behind the answer," it says, "is the inflexible purpose of the most powerful league of nations ever formed."

"The war will go on until Germany yields. Before she has reached that point she will fight desperately in new directions. Neutral nations are almost certain to be involved in the struggle."—Reuter.

The *New York Herald* has the heading "No Entente Head for the Prussian Noose."

The *Tribune*, emphasising the opinion that the war must go on, says:—

"The Entente answer definitely closes the incident of the attempted intervention of the United States."

DIRECT TO NEUTRALS.

Germany.—COPENHAGEN, Tuesday.—The Berlin correspondent of the *Cologne Gazette*, who has an intimate connection with the German Foreign Office, telegraphs to say that:—

"The Allies' Note can only be considered as a refusal, which leaves no way open for further negotiations."

"It is not yet decided what the German Government intends to do, but it is not probable that Germany will once more precisely define the German view in an application direct to neutrals."—Exchange.

Denmark.—King Christian, in a speech at the Royal Palace, Copenhagen, says the Central News, said:—

"With grief I think of the disastrous conditions in the world, which, here also, in Denmark are deeply felt. Still, we must be thankful for the peace allotted to us, and hope that the germ which has appeared will bear peace as its fruit."

Sweden.—The leading Swedish newspaper, even those most friendly to the Entente Powers, express disappointment.—Central News, Copenhagen.

Holland.—The *Telegraf* says:—The Entente's Note bears witness to a unanimity and solidarity such as is possible only on the basis of the holiest belief in the justice of the cause for which they have united to fight.—Reuter.

EMPERORS' OUTBURSTS.

Emperor Charles, in a message to the army, says: "In its ranks are my peoples, to whom Almighty, All-wise God will graciously grant peace by final victory."

The Kaiser, in a new year's message to the Empress, says: "With thanks to God, and with pride in Germany's strength, and confident that the coming year's fighting will bring new victories, we hold on."

Count Tisza, Hungarian Premier, in a speech, said: "We shall continue to fight either until we succeed by further successes in convincing our enemies of the absolute and hopeless nature of the war, or until the impulse of self-preservation of the nations which are being sent to the slaughter turns against their Governments and makes an end to the war."—Reuter.

BULGARIA'S MOVE.

M. Radoslavoff, the Bulgarian Prime Minister, at the last meeting of the Senate, says an official Sofia statement, declared that Bulgaria's work was finished, and added:—

"You know Bulgaria's demands. We are now ready to conclude peace, because we want a war finished."

"In the name of humanity we are ready to make admissions, and I am in possession of documents proving that our antagonists recognise our rights and what we are demanding."—Exchange.

Bottle-Fed Babies

A Note about Milk.

There are many ways of dealing with cow's milk to bring it up to the standard of mother's milk and make it suitable for infants, but, as will be seen from the evidence below, the method which succeeds when most others fail is to give Savory & Moore's Food made with milk, as directed. The digestion difficulty—so often experienced—is entirely overcome and a diet very closely resembling mother's milk is obtained.

(1) "After weaning my baby at a month I fed her on milk, barley water and cream, but had no rest with her night or day; in fact, she was crying all the time. I made up my mind to give your sample tin a trial, and I started according to instructions. The improvement in the child in a week is simply astounding. She sleeps as long again and has lost the strained, haggard look in her face and has greatly developed in body."

(2) "Being a London Hospital trained nurse, I had an idea that nothing could beat barley water and cow's milk for babies, but your Food has completely altered my opinion. I have tried both with my child, and the difference since using your food is simply wonderful. I feel I should like all mothers to know about it."

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IT'S YOUR MONEY HE WANTS.

PERHAPS Robert Browning, if he were alive to-day, would be inspired to give us one of his imaginative soliloquies, representing in poetic form the plainly prosaic broodings of any Chancellor of the Exchequer, now, to-morrow, and for years after the war.

He would place his Chancellor behind that safe iron cage on top of the Monument, or on any other easily accessible summit, and make him survey the crawling crowds below, nearly all of them taxpayers, all of them infinitely taxable. And the Chancellor's speech, as he surveyed those ants, going about what remains of their business in this third year of the war, would be simply: "How can I get their money out of them?"

But the more prudent question really is: "What money can they spare for the State? What is left over after the necessary expenditure—housing, clothes, food, education for their children?" We must not forget the children. For of course all good Chancellors, while telling us to economise, flatter the horde instinct, and assure us that Moloch wants potential soldiers for future wars.

"Income tax, obviously," says the modern Stylites or unsanctified columned statesman: "We must take half their incomes. At the same time we must reduce the incomes we intend to tax—fatal necessity—by calling up most or many of the taxed. With one voice, we must say: 'Your income or your life,' and then we must abolish the income and take the life. So we shall plod on."

"But then we want more—ever more. We have still to borrow. We have a new war loan in view. Our demand then accumulates: 'Give us half the income you've no longer got since you were called up, and put the rest in the war loan.' Add tax on capital, tax on super-incomes, tax on air, tax on the right to live, taxes on all commodities."

The Chancellor sighs: "What else?" They have nothing more to give! Shall he then descend from the Monument?

No! let him stay up there a little longer and observe that half or all of these pigmies seem still to be spending—some very extravagantly.

There is the loud-voiced flapper with her false furs and false pearls. She's enjoying the war. There is or there was Reggie with his restaurants. Money flows everywhere—on food, drink, sweets, wines, luxuries. "I must have some of that," thinks the Chancellor.

And he turns to Bernard Shaw's sensible suggestion that *spending* should be taxed—or, rather, that our test of how much the taxpayer *can* give should be based on what precisely he *does* give—in luxuries. "Sixteen expensive theatre seats, Reggie, in one week?" Swiftly the perched statesman descends from his column and intercepts Reg at the door of the music-hall. "How much did you propose to pay for your theatre party, young man?" "About three guineas." "I thought so." "Give me half of that, Reggie, and enjoy yourself on the rest." And to the immense scandal of Reg and the music-hall manager—or the provider of superfluities anywhere—the Chancellor takes the money and walks away. Intercept thriftless spending. W. M.

THE OPTIMIST.

All we have willed or hoped or dreamed of good shall exist.
Not its semblance, but itself; no beauty, nor good, nor power.
Whose voice has gone forth, but each survives for the melody.
When eternity affirms the conception of an hour.
The high that proved too high, the heroic for earth too hard.
The passion that left the ground to lose itself in the sky.
Are music sent up to God, by the lover and the bard.
Enough that He heard it once; we shall hear it by-and-by.
—ROBERT BROWNING.

CHEAP FOOD AND GOOD NOURISHMENT.

HINTS ON ECONOMY FOR THE NEW YEAR.

By T. THORNE BAKER.

NOT long before the war *The Daily Mirror* arranged a very interesting series of food tests, in which two families of similar size were fed, one upon a liberal diet, the other upon food costing just over £1 per week, but in each case an eminent food expert attended personally to the choice of food and its method of cooking.

The cheaply-fed family were as well nourished and satisfied as the family fed generously, which showed that culinary discretion will enable many of us to live on a third of what we have been accustomed to.

The writer of this article had the privilege at the time of investigating the daily menu of each family and calculating its body-building and "fuel"-providing powers. These, too, were

devoted their whole energy, to their subject. The householder has no such guidance in the home, and frequently has to work in the dark! What housewife, for example, knows that hake, when prepared for table, has a nutritive value of fourteen as against fifty-four for salt herrings, weight for weight? Or that sardines are three and a half times as nutritive as whiting, and lemon soles only about one per cent. less nutritive than Dover soles? All these matters of dietary are worked out with precision for the soldier.

WHAT REALLY NOURISHES.

Apologies of this, it is interesting to note that while the German soldier is supposed to require, on a peace footing, sufficient food to yield him 2,798 units of energy, his ration during the Franco-German War was altered to give him 4,652 units—more than half as much again. A still harder-worked man is the Munich beer labourer, who requires 5,692 units daily!

When we bear in mind that to-day every

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

FURTHER HOPES AND FEARS FOR THE YEAR NOW BEGINNING.

OCTOBER?

I PUT October next as the time for the first serious peace movement. Possibly only an armistice! But, at any rate, the beginning of the end. SCOT.

Duke-street, Edinburgh.

DON'T PROPHESY!

EVERY New Year since the war began has always been the "year of victory"—both for them and for us.

I do not say this with a desire to discourage your prophetic readers or to throw doubts on 1917, but only as a hint that our business is not to prophesy, but simply to get on with the war. HURLEY, HANTS.

WILL GERMANY "VANISH"?

YOUR correspondent "Future" seems to think himself a great pessimist. Yet amongst his prophecies he encourages us to hope that Germany "will have vanished entirely" if the war goes on for another five years. How odd a notion is "vanish entirely"! Do they sink into the earth? But certainly if Germany does "vanish," Europe will have peace—at last. HOPPEL, Hans-place, S.W.

THE UNWANTED DOG.

WE understand that there is to be no increase in the cost of the dog licence in 1917. At this time of the year, however, when the dog-tax becomes due, scores of thousands of dogs are turned adrift by their owners, who little know how great are the sufferings to which they expose their one-time friends by "taking them out and losing them."

I heard last week of a woman who travelled ten miles to "lose her dog" at a cost of 2s., when a chemist or veterinary surgeon would have destroyed the animal painlessly for less than the sum spent in fares, while most of the numerous dogs' homes will receive dogs from poor people free of charge.

May we hope that dog-owners will think of these things before they get rid of their dogs by turning them adrift?

C. R. JOHNS, Secretary, National Canine Defence League, 27, Regent-street, S.W.

IN MY GARDEN.

JAN. 2.—It is a mistake to plant large-growing trees in a small garden, for they will soon shade beds and borders and make the cultivation of flowers difficult. The laburnum (golden rain), however, should always be seen, for few trees prove more attractive during May. Care should be taken to plant good varieties, for, being easily raised from seed, worthless sorts (with poor flowers) are often sent out.

Parkii is a very fine variety, while Yossi has in its case a mass of bloom about twenty inches in length. Adam is a curious hybrid, bearing both purple and yellow flowers on the same tree. E. F. T.

THE NEW STREET PRECAUTIONS ILLUSTRATED.



Are not the above directions to pedestrians, now everywhere advertised, rather difficult, if not impossible, to follow exactly?—(By W. K. Haselden.)

practically equal, as was to have been expected from the result.

Food is required not only to produce energy, but to provide "building material." Dr. Robert Hutchison, the well-known authority on dietetics, has shown that, whereas a shillingworth of bread (at normal prices) will yield 10,764 calories—the unit employed in estimating the energy value of foods—a shillingworth of potatoes will yield only 3,796, and a shillingworth of beef only 829 calories. Cheese is more than three times as valuable as eggs or beef, bread four times as valuable as cheese, and so on.

Interesting facts like these show us at once why the Government is directing so much energy to increasing our potato and wheat crops.

In directing the agricultural work of the next two years we have the advantage of the guidance of a number of scientific men who have

man and woman, except the young and aged, is a war worker, doing more work, with less rest, and with food at an ever-increasing cost, some more widely disseminated knowledge as to the relative values of food would surely be very useful.

There is a strong tendency at the present time, with meat at its present price, for the great majority of wage-earners to resort to tea and bread and butter lunches, a dietary strongly condemned by food experts. Porridge with milk, peas and beans are suggested as a substitute for meat, of equal value, but no greater cost than the bread and butter. Dried peas have an energy value of ninety calories to the ounce, oatmeal of 130, while beef, lamb and veal show only about sixty.

Why do we like our articles of food in couples—bread and cheese, grilled ham and peas, sausages and "mashed"—and so on?

It is because vegetable foods are too rich in carbohydrates, meat foods too rich in protein matter, and one is necessary to set off, as it were, the deficiencies of the other. Hence the argument against vegetarian diet in its entirety, despite the fact that it undoubtedly suits certain individuals.

"It is worth while to remember," writes Dr. Hutchison in his well-known work on "Food and the Principles of Dietetics," "that the cheapest sources of building material are skim milk, some forms of fish (herring or salt fish), cheese, the cheaper cuts of meat and, if the digestion be good, the pulses (i.e., beans, lentils, etc.), which are the most economical forms of fat are margarine and dripping."

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

To add a library to a house is to give that house a soul.—Cicero.

HOW THE SOLDIERS KEPT CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE FRONT.



Buying a goose in the market-place.



Dinner in a shell-hole. There were many jovial little gatherings of this kind.

Bully beef and jam figured on the Christmas Day menu, but there were also various delicacies sent from home, while in many cases the men purchased birds in the towns and villages.—(Official photographs.)

M.C. PROMOTED.



Captain A. C. Vicary, M.C., who has been promoted brevet-major.

FRIEND, FOE AND NEUTRAL FRATERNISE



A French, British, German and Swiss soldier take a glass of wine together at a camp in Switzerland. They spent a very happy Christmas, and even had a tree, which can be seen in the photograph. The Swiss are treating our invalids with the greatest kindness.

THEY ALL AGREED WITH THE CHIEF OF STAFF.



"I hope this is a year in which we are going to win," said General Sir William Robertson to this merry party of wounded soldiers at Caxton Hall. Four hundred men sat down to tea, which was followed by an entertainment.

THREE PROMOTIONS—BARONET'S SON KILLED.



Commander Eric R. C. Nanson, who has been promoted squadron commander.



Flight Lieutenant B. Binyon, who has been promoted flight commander.—(Vandyke.)



Lieut. G. D. Pechell (R.F.C.), son of Lieut. Col. Sir A. Brooke-Pechell, killed.



Flight Commander J. W. K. Allsop, who has been promoted squadron commander.

DID THEY KNOW WHO THE BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM WERE?



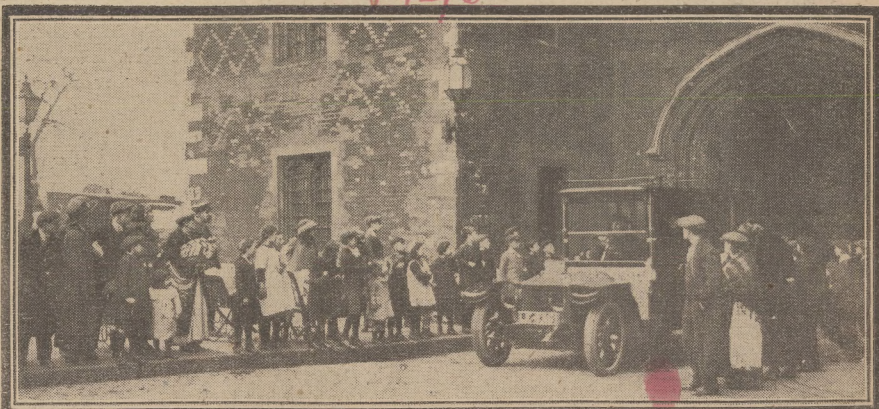
The new Viscountess Curzon's three young children, who attended their mother's wedding. There were no bridesmaids, but the little girl carried a bouquet of white lilies.



On seeing he was only a choir-boy, the door was opened.



Small boys were most anxious to see what was going on inside, but their curiosity was not satisfied.



"The fashionable crowd" who saw the bridal pair drive away from Lambeth Palace. They were chiefly children.

scene outside Lambeth Palace, where Lord Curzon's wedding took place, presented a - fight policemen to see a notable bride. Only children and a few mothers with babies in their arms saw the couple drive away. —(Daily Mirror photographs.)

ON CROSSING THE ROAD.

The public are advised when crossing busy thoroughfares at night, or hailing a bus at a dark point, where it is not possible to stand under a street lamp, to carry some white article such as a newspaper or handkerchief in their hand. This gives drivers of vehicles a better opportunity of noticing their approach to pedestrians.

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If you are in the least concerned about the condition of your hair, if you wish to improve its condition, if you suffer from scurf, irritation, thinning or falling hair, or any sign of hair poverty, send the form above and you will receive this magnificent hair-health parcel.

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eating every trace of hair trouble that may have worried you. The gigantic plan has been set on foot to send yet another million complete "Harlene Hair-Drill" Fourfold Parcels Free to the Public. One million people may within a few days commence what leads to the youthful hair health and beauty conditions that they have long coveted.

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Why suffer that dank, dull, lifeless condition of the hair, when the crisp, sparkle, and brilliancy of healthy hair is yours for the asking?

Look in the glass and "take stock" of the condition of your hair. Perhaps you have never given it a thought. Perhaps you have thought that hair once starved or weakened was impossible to re-grow. But the discovery of "Harlene" and the invention of "Harlene Hair-Drill" have altered all that.

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THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP

All the Day's Latest News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

Lord Curzon's Quiet War Wedding.

LORD CURZON'S wedding to Mrs. Alfred Duggan yesterday was one of the quietest on record. I doubt, indeed, whether before noon yesterday, when the marriage was celebrated, there were more than a dozen people, apart from those directly concerned, who knew exactly where it was to take place. I was not surprised, therefore, to find no throng awaiting the arrival of Lord Curzon and his bride at Lambeth Palace.

Two Trousseau.

A woman correspondent writes:—"It struck me as a charming idea that when Lady Curzon ordered her trousseau some months ago from Miss Enos, she also ordered a 'trousseau' for her little daughter. I hear it consists of little velvet house frocks, party frocks, and plain school ones, with the sets of fingerie to match. Even muffs and tippets were not forgotten—in moderation!—and there is one of the new finger-muffs."

A "Couvre-pied."

The same correspondent waxes enthusiastic over the "cache-pieds" of the new Lady Curzon, those lacy affairs women throw over their feet when resting on the sofa.



The Hon. Francis Curzon and Mrs. Curzon at the wedding.

writes, was of white ruy satin embroidered in flowers which turned into a coronet in the centre. The sofa pillow is made to match in sets.

Ready for Work.

I caught sight of Mr. Lloyd George yesterday near Downing-street. Smiling and looking very fit and energetic, the Premier appeared to have completely shaken off the effects of his recent indisposition and looked all the better for his short week-end at Walton Heath.

Will Crooks Recovering.

I was pleased to hear good news of Mr. Will Crooks yesterday. He is still in hospital, but a friend of his told me that he is now progressing satisfactorily and is beginning to chafe at his long spell of inactivity.

The Conference.

The arrangements for the Empire Conference, I hear, are being pushed forward rapidly and soon everything will be in readiness. At the moment the greatest interest centres in the Australian representative and the question of whether Mr. Hughes will come or not. A prominent Australian told me yesterday that he expected a decision to be reached in the next few days.

An Energetic M.P.

Captain Charles Bathurst, M.P., has, I hear, relinquished the post of organiser of the land settlement scheme for ex-Servicemen which he has held under the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries in an honorary capacity for the last eight months. Captain Bathurst is one of the most energetic men in the House, and is believed



Capt. C. Bathurst, M.P.

to hold the record for having put questions on a greater variety of subjects than any of his parliamentary colleagues.

His Hobby.
He has always made agricultural problems his special study. I remember once discussing some question with regard to land settlement with a well-known Unionist M.P. "Oh, you had better ask Bathurst," said he. "He's the only man here who understands anything about agriculture." Captain Bathurst's successor, by the way, is Sir Richard Winfrey.

Women Mentioned in Dispatches.

I had a peep last night at the advance copy of the *London Gazette* in which Sir Douglas Haig mentions the names of those who have rendered distinguished and gallant services under his command. It is interesting to note that he includes "ladies" as well as officers, non-commissioned officers and men in his list for their devotion to duty.

A Bishop Who Means Business.

It is not often that a Bishop gets mentioned in dispatches, but I notice the name of Bishop Gwynne, the Deputy Chaplain-General, in Sir Douglas Haig's dispatch. Dr. Gwynne, who was appointed to the Bishopric of Khartoum in 1908, is a "whole hogger" so far as this war is concerned. "We are out to win, to fight for victory," was his message to the Church of England troops on the second anniversary of war.

The Vigour of Father Vaughan.

I saw Father Bernard Vaughan in Fleet-street early yesterday afternoon. In spite of the fact that he has just celebrated his sacerdotal jubilee, he was looking in the prime of health and condition, as he strode briskly along in a very ecclesiastical-looking overcoat and cape.

A "Close" Month.

What mysterious law governs the publication of novels? I have just been glancing through some statistics on the subject compiled by the *Bookseller*. From them I gather that more novels are published in July and October than in any other month of the year. July I can understand; it is a holiday month. But why October? September, by the way, is a "close" month for novels. Only twenty-three were published in that month last year.

What We Are Reading.

Novels naturally are more in demand than any other form of literature. Last year they topped the list with a grand total of 1,635. And what do you imagine comes next? Religion and theology. There were 688 books on these subjects published during the year. Then come children's books. At the very end of the list are works of travel and adventure. It is not, perhaps, surprising. People are making their own adventures these days.

Smart Postwomen.

Yesterday I met two postwomen who, instead of wearing armlets, were resplendent in new uniforms of blue with red piping and gilt labels. I thought they looked very smart.

A Bread Relic.

A lady who collects war relics has just added a crust of the old white bread to her collection. "It may be very valuable some day," she says; "you never know!"

Belgian Lace in London.

I am no judge of lace, but I was taken the other day to the Belgian lace shop in Arlington-street, where there are some fine specimens (so, at least, I am informed) which have been made by poor Belgian women behind the firing line for the benefit of the starving workers. I noticed some well-known women among the assistants who are devoting themselves to this useful work.

A Descendant of Hans Anderson.

I was talking yesterday to a granddaughter of Hans Anderson, the writer of those wonderful fairy stories which we all read in our infancy. She told me that she left Denmark when war broke out and came to England to enlist as a nurse. Her grandfather entertained a high regard for England.

A Diplomat.

Lord Granville, who has been appointed representative of his Majesty's Government to the Provisional Government of M. Venizelos at Salonika, was cradled in diplomacy. His father was Foreign Minister under Mr. Gladstone and his grandfather—a friend of George Canning—was a diplomat of distinction. Lord Granville himself has represented the Foreign Office in many of the capitals of Europe.

The Great Epidemic.

Influenza is more rampant this year than for a decade. A doctor tells me that it is mainly due to the war. The strain and worry have weakened people's resisting power, and so they fall victims far more readily.



Lord Granville.

Food Problem in Ireland.

The Irish Chief Secretary has been busy holding conferences about the food problem. A correspondent tells me that the subject has been very faint-heartedly tackled in Ireland thus far, and a popular agitation to acquire and cultivate thousands of acres of land has all but failed, owing to the red-tape attitude of some of the Irish Departments. The scheme for tilling Phoenix Park—where there are nearly 600 acres—has been definitely abandoned by the Board of Works.

The Sporting Viceroy.

Irish sportsmen hailed the appointment of Lord Wimborne to the Viceroyalty with special delight, for they recognised that he would give valuable encouragement to sport in Ireland. In this they have not been disappointed. Lord Wimborne has extended his patronage to the most popular forms of sport and is a member of many hunt clubs. He followed the famous Meath pack the other day after his recovery from a very bad cold.

Pope and Archbishop.

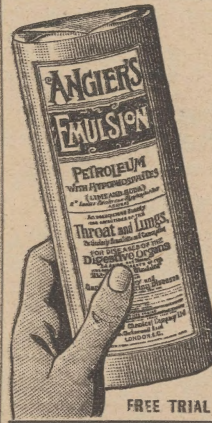
I hear that Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, is seriously ill. One of the most noted dignitaries of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland, Dr. Healy is a great favourite at the Vatican. The Pope, on learning that his illness had taken an unpromising turn, telegraphed his sympathy.

A Meatless Day.

Lady Desborough, I hear, has already adopted a meatless day and practised her husband's precept—that fresh water fish is valuable food in war time. Fresh water fish is often served at their house at Taplow.

A New Year Party.

At a late hour the other night I looked in on a merry party on the stage of the Queen's. The Ahé and Mawruss and the rest of them were celebrating the New Year and the success of the piece by a miniature fancy-dress carnival. Mr. Laurillard made a speech, and then the fun began. Miss Millie Hyton was one of the successes of the evening as a small child with long hair, short skirts and socks.



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THREE MEN IN THE PUBLIC EYE.



Private H. Gerald Montagu, killed. He was deprived of his commission for fighting for the Turks in Tripoli without leave, but fought at Gallipoli as an officer. Later he joined the ranks.



Captain A. Ball, D.S.O., M.C., the young airman again "mentioned."



Mr. H. H. Gunsburg, a ship's steward, of Cardiff, who has inherited £600,000 from his brother David, one of the lesser "oil kings" in U.S. He learnt of his good fortune quite accidentally.

THE DUSTWOMAN HAS NOW ARRIVED.



Willesden Borough Council has lost so many men as the result of enlistments that they are now employing women as "dustmen." People have ceased to be surprised now when they see women in new posts.

THE BING BOYS AT HOSPITAL BALL.



The Bing Boys, a nun and a "young lady," who attended the fancy-dress ball held at the Post Office Hospital. All the men were formerly employed by the G.P.O. and have been wounded.

WAR WORKER WALKS 6,136 MILES IN A YEAR.



Mrs. Preston, of Grasmere, who walks daily to and from Windermere Station in charge of a coal-cart. She has released a man for service, and it is calculated that she covered a distance of 6,136 miles in 1916.

WOUNDED AND MISSING: MEN OF WHOM FRIENDS AND RELATIVES SEEK NEWS.



Pte. E. R. Odell (Middlesex Regt.), wounded. Write to Mrs. Odell, High-street, Wivenhoe, near Colchester.



Pte. Bunker (Border Regt.), wounded. Write to 227, Stanhope-buildings, Red Cross-st., Southwark.



R. F. W. Denham (Sussex Regt.). Write to Mrs. M. H. Britton at 182, High-street, Streatham.



Pte. A. H. Britton (Sussex Regt.). Write to Mrs. M. H. Britton at 182, High-street, Streatham.



Sgt. A. W. Hale (Warwickshire). Write to F. Lewis, the Alderman, 95, Corporation-street, Birmingham.



Pte. H. E. Clarke (Canadian Foreg.). Write to his mother, 69, Penrith-road, Thornton Heath.



Sgt. H. A. C. Mead (Anzac), wounded. Write Miss Grover, Wistaria House, St. Mary's-road, Ealing.



Rfn. F. A. Cooke (London Regt.), wounded and missing. Write to 19, Palace-parade, Hornsey, Middlesex.